

## **MAPP-SD**

### **Child Endangerment Presentation**

Everyone working in a school - teachers, administration, nurses, janitorial staff - needs to understand the impact Meth use in a student's home may have on a child.

Children whose caregivers are substance abusers are frequently neglected. They often do not have enough food, are not adequately groomed, do not have appropriate sleeping conditions, and usually have not had adequate medical or dental care. These children are frequently not well supervised, placing them at additional risk of injury. Children raised by substance-abusing caregivers are often exposed to pornographic material, often emotionally abused and have a heightened risk for sexual abuse. Additionally, they frequently do not get the appropriate amount of support, encouragement, discipline, and guidance they need to thrive.

Knowingly exposing children to drug-oriented environments is within the definition of abuse and neglect. Anyone who works with children exposed to the toxic chemicals associated with Meth labs/Meth use may observe some or many of the following symptoms:

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| ✓ Watery eyes                                       | ✓ Diarrhea                    |
| ✓ Discharge from the eyes                           | ✓ Moderate to severe headache |
| ✓ Eye pain, including burning                       | ✓ Rapid heart rate            |
| ✓ Skin irritation and redness                       | ✓ Dark colored urine          |
| ✓ Mild to severe burns                              | ✓ Fever                       |
| ✓ Sneezing and coughing                             | ✓ Decrease in mental status   |
| ✓ Congestion of the voice box                       | ✓ Yellow jaundice             |
| ✓ Chest pain  | ✓ Hallucinations              |
| ✓ Nausea and vomiting                               | ✓ Extreme irritability        |
| ✓ Abdominal pain                                    | ✓ Severe neglect              |
| ✓ Difficult, labored breathing; shortness of breath |                               |

If you believe a child you know is being exposed to Meth lab chemicals, or if a child reveals to you that drug making is occurring in their home, call 911 immediately and tell law enforcement what you know. Follow school policy and call the Department of Social Services.

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